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Claus Flew for Good Cause

By George B. Emmons

A New England lighthouse close call with lasting drama was not about a ship but instead about an airplane and its pilot playing Santa Claus.

The incident happened in 1929 just before Christmas when pilot William Wincapaw, in spite of weather reports of an impending snowstorm, took off in his single-engine airplane over the rocky coast of Rockland, Maine. It wasn't the first time a well-experienced Maine native chanced flying in heavy weather, but it would turn out to be nearly his last.

Wincapaw soon knew he was in trouble with so much snow falling that he could not see out his window, and his instruments were not working properly. He soon was blown off course and was flying blind and almost out of fuel. At the last minute, he took a chance, dropping down below the clouds, hoping to break free of the inclement weather.

That's when an unexpected, but fortunate, familiar lighthouse beam came shining through to him from a Castine lighthouse down below. Then five more lighthouses led him safely to his own airport in Rockland, Maine. A grateful Wincapaw took off again a few days later and dropped packages of cookies, coffee and a copy of an Old Farmer's Almanac with a note of thanks for the beam that saved his life. These gifts became a Christmas tradition, and a coffee company loaned him a seaplane for the future.

Some other businesses were contributing cash and gifts to support the picture of a flying Santa Claus, as in my illustration. Wincapaw went on to immortalize this holiday-saving image until, in 1936, he left for Bolivia to take on a new job of flying gold from the mines there. He was replaced by a writer and historian named Edward Roe Snow, who perfected a new method of tying several packages together to be caught in the air on the way down.

Pilot Wincapaw and Snow both had heart attacks when flying missions, and The Friends of Flying

On the Cover: *Children's voices light up Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett during Saturday's annual Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long event. It was warmer for participants this year because the event was held inside the chapel, unlike last year when a bonfire generated the only warmth outside the 1889 building on a very chilly evening. Nonetheless, those in attendance were eager to enjoy refreshments next door at the Sewing Circle building. Photo by Robert Price*

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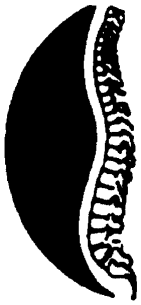

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Santa Claus organization was incorporated after their deaths just in time for the tradition to celebrate 70 years of operation, while lighthouses up and down the coast blew their fog horns to mourn the apparition of human heroics coming true on wings of flying angels before the wondering eyes of children of lighthouse keepers.

The Reason for The Season

The Poet's Corner

By Hope Bradley Finley

Have we forgotten why we celebrate Christmas?
Have we forgotten about the Holy Night when a precious little baby was born in Bethlehem?
He was wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, surrounded by his Holy Mother Mary and his Earthly Father Joseph, and they named him Jesus as instructed by the Angel.
Above them shone a great star which led the host of Angels and the Three Wise Shepherds and the Three Wise Men to the stable to worship Him.
Yes, let us celebrate giving cards and gifts.
Yes, let us give and go to parties.
Let us decorate our Christmas trees and have lights and tinsel and ornaments.
But let us not forget the reason for the season ...
Let us not forget the Joy, the precious gift of salvation, and
Peace on Earth and good will toward men.

Editor's Note: Hope Bradley Finley is a 95-year-old Mattapoisett resident who, despite the loss of eyesight and hearing, has continued in her pastime of writing poems and essays. The Wanderer is happy to share them with our readers.

Public Opinion Sought on Septic

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

As the Tri-Towns strategize to locate sources of nitrogen pollution in hopes the state Department of Environmental Protection will relent on a sweeping septic regulation requiring an expensive upgrade to existing systems in areas deemed nitrogen sensitive, elected officials are raising their arms like a linebacker on the

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home team, trying to drum up noise for a big play.

The Marion Board of Health was on hand for Tuesday night's Select Board meeting to discuss the issue and seeking public comment now that the DEP has extended the comment period to January 30.

"I'd like to see a ... more thorough examination of the groundwater pollution that's alleged instead of just sampling the water that's in the bay," said Board of Health member Albie Johnson, referencing the chain of events that leveraged the town into spending $13,000,000 to clean up and re-line a lagoon at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. "It's my understanding at the time they didn't find any (nitrogen) around the lagoon."

He called the state's plan "a little bit excessive."

Dr. John Howard, the Board of Health chairman, reported 32 denitrification septic systems in Marion. "I'm not sure how many are functioning," he said, noting that 14 have been built since Marion's new denitrification septic regulation went into effect earlier this year. The regulation only applies to new or upgraded septic constructions.

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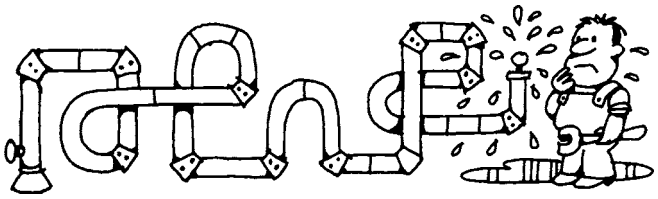

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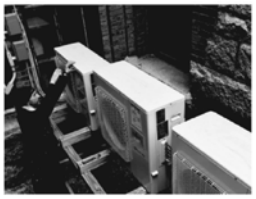

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Howard said the board has been monitoring the new systems and that they are doing well. A key element to that sustainability, says Dr. Ed Hoffer, a board member, is the homeowners' accountability for testing and maintenance of the new systems.

"This is ultimately a political process like everything else. ... We have to ask ... what is the most cost-effective and reasonable way to do it?" said Hoffer, openly considering how much nitrogen is generated from the Kittansett Club and/or how much from Great Hill Dairy Farm. "We need to go about this in a rational manner and not just take a dictate from DEP."

The problem with sweeping regulations, noted Hoffer, is that the new denitrification systems work "reasonably well for year-round dwellings; they work poorly for seasonal dwellings." He said that new systems on seasonal properties may be less efficient than the systems they replace.

Executive Assistant Donna Hemphill indicated that the town will send out an email and post the matter on town web and Facebook pages.

Acknowledging a respectful disagreement with Interim Town Administrator Judy Mooney, Parker sought "a vote of confidence" to discuss a measure that would beef up health insurance benefits for town employees. He believes a stronger package would allow the town to maintain and attract more good employees.

Select Board member Toby Burr offered support, adding that job turnover costs the town money in training and performance. Select Board member Norm Hills noted the ongoing budget process and said the matter requires some research and analysis. "I need to understand what I'm looking at here, too," he said.

The total annual cost of the benefits program is $128,102.88 for 64 employees, said Parker. Mooney said she is willing to research the matter further.

In her Town Administrator's Report, Mooney announced that Marion has received an additional $250,000 from the DEP for the Lagoon lining project, to which Select Board Chairman Randy Parker publicly thanked Representative William Straus.

Mooney also announced that the state Seaport

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Economic Council has granted the town another $300,000 toward the construction of the new Marine Center. That leaves the town $700,000 based on May 2022 cost estimates (Town Meeting.) Mooney said she hopes to meet with Tim Sawyer of architect Catalyst to discuss cost, noting that the design for the new harbormaster's headquarters is not totally complete.

Harbormaster Isaac Perry, according to Mooney, remains very confident about grant funding for the project.

Parker reported that architect Will Saltonstall is in the process of getting cost estimates for the new Department of Public Works operations center.

The Town Administrator Search Committee held three interviews on Tuesday and had three more scheduled Wednesday of this week. Out of 27 applicants, the committee hopes to bring four finalists to the Select Board in January.

"It's tough to get down to seven or six ... last time we lost candidates on a daily basis ... it's a lot of work, it's very draining," said Parker of the all-day interviewing process.

Mooney told the board the rates for community aggregation of electricity will be 10.470 cents per kilowatt hour (c/kWh) through December 2023 (year-long cycle), a "significant savings" relative to Eversource's rate of 25.649 c/kWh. "We encourage residents to visit our website (marionma.gov)," she said.

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During the Public Comment session, longtime Marion developer Sherman Briggs articulated concerns about Creek Road, offering a 21-year sketch of mishaps and apparently wasted investments on the part of the town without available information or a remedy for a

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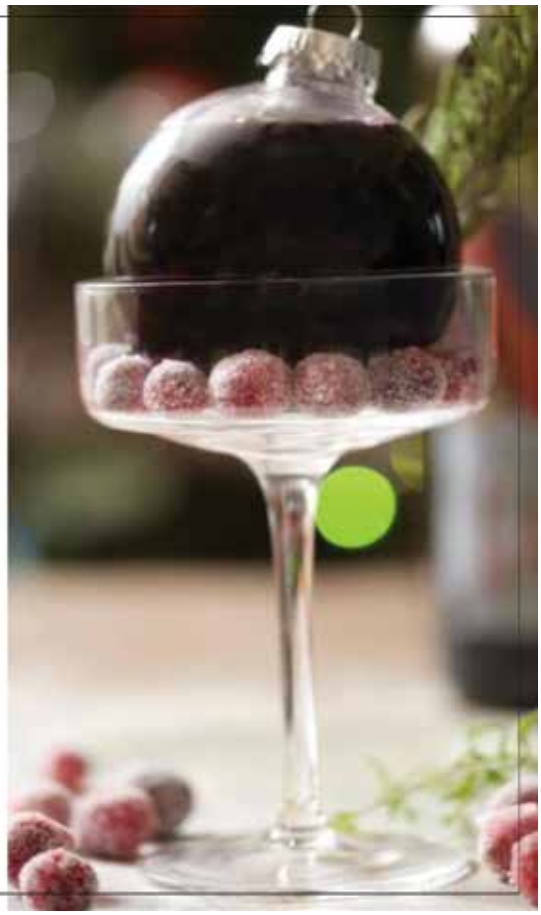

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water main that he and Hills agree is unusable.

"I've seen the pictures of it, I've never seen anything so bad in my life," said Hills, who said he has a report from the engineer on the process.

"As a taxpayer ... I don't want to see Creek Road not rebuilt not the proper way," said Briggs. "I think the Marion taxpayers deserve answers to these questions."

The DPW has requested $122,000 in capital funds to address the matter. Briggs says that the town already approved $250,000 in funding that has seen the water main never tested, chlorinated or activated.

The Select Board voted to approve a revised sewer application at 460 Front Street, changing from a 6-inch pipe to a 4-inch pipe that runs out to a sewer connection.

The board approved the following Water/Sewer commitments: $265,845.12 (liens December 7th), $643.34 (final readings December 9th), $1,364.31 (quarterly billing December 12th) and $1,309,999.66 (quarterly billing December 16th.)

The meeting began with a brief executive session pursuant to Purpose 3 of state General Law c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) regarding strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Police Station.

Old Colony Study Headed to Town Meeting

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Select Board Monday night scheduled the 2023 Annual Town Meeting for May 22 and learned what will be that meeting's most consequential article.

The Select Board meeting began with a request from Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School Superintendent Aaron Polansky to put a placeholder article on the warrant requesting funding for a feasibility study. Polansky said the state has recently "invited" the school district to submit an application for Massachusetts State Building Authority capital-

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Rochester residents comprise 93 students out of 562 at the school right now. Polansky agreed with Select Board Chairman Woody Hartley's calculation at 16.5% of the total student population. Polansky said the formula used to determine Rochester's share of any capital costs would be apportioned to closely align with that number.

Polansky indicated that it was premature to forecast the costs involved in a future project. He told the Select Board that the state will fund 54.16% of the "reimbursable costs" of the study and capital project. But there will be nonreimbursable costs that the district will have to fund on its own. As of Monday's meeting, he did not have sufficient details on specific cost factors.

The board also set the date to close the Annual Town Meeting warrant: March 3, 2023. The board acknowledged the Town Meeting will be held May 22, 2023, two days before the May 24 annual Town Election. Hartley said the latter date will remain as is.

Next, the board heard an update from the Board of Assessors regarding the town's tax classification. Assessors Chairperson Wendy Knapp reported the tax rate will not be set until the second week in January. This

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is partly because the town has just concluded a five-year revaluation period. "It put us behind," Knapp said.

The Select Board and the Assessors agreed to send out tax bills for next year based on last year's rates. Residents may attach a copy of this year's bill to the next-year bill or include their tax-bill number.

The board then appointed Town Administrator Glenn Cannon as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) authorized signatory and Finance Director Suzanne Szyndlar as the town's authorized ARPA preparer/data entry representative.

Cannon reported the new Personnel Board is already rewriting the town's Personnel Bylaw and refining to which employee the Bylaw applies. The

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employee, he said, must be a full-time or regular part-timer not under a contract agreement.

Cannon then noted the Building Department's online, e-permitting has been closed down. New Building Commissioner Paul Boucher only began on the job this week and does not know how to run the system. Paper permits must be used. This is compounded by the fact there is no staff in the department with the recent departure of Patrice Braz. "It will take about a month to get up to speed," Cannon said.

Hartley announced a person eligible to be awarded the town's Boston Post Cane has been found. He said the award ceremony will be held at the Senior Center, most likely during a luncheon on the third or fourth Monday of January. The Boston Post Cane goes to the town's oldest resident.

Select Board member Paul Ciaburri announced Eversource has told him a four to six-hour rolling blackout is being planned for Rochester sometime next year. It is an effort to conserve the utility's gas supplies.

Hartley countered this with good news that the town has entered into an Electrical Aggregate Agreement contract that will offer residents a less-expensive, per-kilowatt rate for electricity than Eversource offers most utility customers. Town residents would automatically be billed under this lower rate; they would have to opt out to not share that rate.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board was not scheduled as of adjournment.

State Septic Plan Causing Concern

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

Coming before the Mattapoisett Select Board on December 20 was Board of Health Chairman Carmelo Nicolosi and Board of Health Agent Gail Joseph to discuss pending Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection regulations for limiting nitrogen in watershed areas.

The DEP plans to implement new regulations for nitrogen-sensitive areas as early as January 2023 that would compel impacted cities and towns to either seek a town-wide permit that demonstrates improvement in the leaching of nitrogen into watershed areas or require property owners to upgrade their private septic systems to install denitrification technology at an estimated $50,000 per household.

"Right now, the DEP is focusing on the Cape," said Nicolosi. But he noted that they will look at the Aucoot area in Mattapoisett and the waters off the state reservation Nasketucket. He said that if the town does nothing, everyone in an identified (nitrogen-sensitive) area will have to upgrade their private systems. If the town seeks a watershed permit, it will have five years to demonstrate improvements. The permit remains in place for up to 20 years.

Select Board member Jordan Collyer called the plan, "half baked." Water and Sewer Superintendent Henri Renauld said that there are only two denitrification systems on the market currently, while also commenting that presently, groundwater samples have low nitrogen levels. Collyer said the state did not provide sufficient information or guidance in the matter, but that it was important to send a letter to the state expressing questions and concerns.

Nicolosi thought testing of potential areas of concern should be done by the town now and that the Board of Health would be seeking grants to conduct such research. He further impressed upon the Select Board the importance of filing for a watershed permit.

Town Administrator Mike Lorenco said that the DEP would be holding four information sessions remotely so the public could ask questions and get information directly from the agency. The sessions will be held on January 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 6:00 pm. Zoom details are available on the town's website, mattapoisett.net, he said.

In the category of good news, Collyer said that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has agreed to assume financial responsibility for the installation of planking on Phase 1b of the Bike Path for the next 20 years. "We'll be responsible for general maintenance," he stated, but the bigger concern, defective planking which has been resolved by the state, remains the state's issue to deal with in the future, should

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more problems arise with the replacement materials. A Memorandum of Understanding will be issued to solidify the agreement, he said.

Earlier in the meeting, the Select Board approved the use of ARPA funds for various infrastructural needs, including $250,000 for the purchase of new water meters, $43,600 for town-wide new, telecommunication radio equipment and $98,280 for a radio replacement and enhancements for the Fire Department.

Lorenco noted that the manner in which ARPA funding is used is very specific and that these expenditures are not coming from the taxpayer. Lorenco also announced that the Fire Department has received a grant in the amount of $15,500 for hose replacements, and the Police Department has received $100,000 for body cameras.

Eagle Scout candidate Murray Copps received permission to move forward with his Eagle project, the installation of swallow boxes in marsh areas. He said that swallows are a species in decline and are beneficial to humans – they eat mosquitos, which can carry the EEE virus.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board was not scheduled upon adjournment.

CIPC Chewing over Holidays

Marion Capital Improvements Planning Committee

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Capital Improvements Planning Committee has much to digest after meeting recently with several town department heads to hear their capital requests for Fiscal Year 2024, along with 10-year needs-based projections.

Most recently, the Department of Public Works went before the CIPC on December 8 and the Facilities Department on December 15.

In order of Sewer Department priority, the DPW has requested over $1,000 over the next two fiscal years under Sewer regulatory compliance for the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF.)

Because Marion's renewal application for its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) was met with news that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering adding Marion to its Small General Permit, DPW considers it prudent to request funding to address potential unknowns in the amount of $150,000 for FY24 and $875,000 for FY25.

The DPW has also requested $100,000 for FY24 and $800,000 for FY25 to design higher priority repairs, focusing on concrete maintenance.

The I/I Removal Program will cost $200,000 per year for the next 10 years.

Other Sewer Department requests: $35,000 in FY24 and $35,000 in FY30 for work on the supervisory control and data program, $135,000 in FY24 to replace the sewer jetter machine; $50,000 in FY24 for evaluation of the

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FY24 Sewer requests totaled $740,000, FY25 requests totaled $4,125,000, FY26 $2,680,000. Covered in FY24 by ARPA, Front Street station and force main will cost $1,750,000 in FY25.

The Water Department's top priority is the state-required Lead Service Line Inventory at $75,000, due October 2024 and included as a capital request for FY24.

In addition to $287,000 for FY24 requests including (Priority 2) the Creek Road Water Main ($122,000), followed by (Priority 3) the replacement of a F350 4x4 truck with a plow ($90,000), main pipes dominate the Water Department's 10-year plan: Wareham Street (Route 6) at $2,700,000 (FY25); Point and Delano at $2,900,000, Cottage Street at $350,000 and Pitcher Street at $370,000 (FY26); Point Road (south to Kittansett) at $140,000 (FY27); Point Road (south to Kittansett) at $2,300,000 and Point Road north (cleaning and lining) at $60,000 (FY28); Point Road north (cleaning and lining) at $1,500,000 (FY29); Stoney Run, Dexter Road, Cove Street, 2nd Street at $50,000 (FY30) and $800,000 (FY31); and Parallel Water Main Transfer (Delano, Ichabod, Rezendes, Fraser, Sippican and Point) at $25,000 (FY31) and $250,000 (FY32.)

The aforementioned truck comes up again in FY27 ($90,000) and FY30 ($100,000.) While requests are official for FY24, the amounts and precise timing over the 10-year plan are presented as placeholders and can change over time.

For FY24, the Highway Department requested a new CAT Skid Steer at $125,000, an asphalt hot-box reclaimer (pot-hole filler) at $25,000 and drainage infrastructure on Crossfront Road at $111,600 in FY24.

Along with the $261,600 requested for FY24, the Highway Department's 10-year plan calls for Switch-and-Go trucks at the cost of $130,000 (FY25), $145,000 (FY27) and $155,000 (FY32.)

The Facilities Department's requests for FY24 are relatively light: $197,000 for window restoration at Taber Library, $125,000 to install insulation at Fire Station No. 1 and $23,000 for window replacements at the Cushing Community Center.

Facilities' 10-year plan is seeking $1,500,000 in FY25 and a $1,700,000 placeholder ($3,200,000 total) for complete Town House renovations.

Also sought for FY25: $175,000 toward the community center's new roof, $40,000 to construct a restroom at Fire Station No. 1 and $20,000 for siding and trim at the library/museum.

For FY26, $20,000 has been requested for a condenser deck, siding on the east side and R22 to 410A refrigeration. An $80,000 request for FY 28 would address the community center's need for a generator. A $500,000 request for FY31 would put a new roof and flashing on

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the main building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and $30,000 for exterior paint on the library/museum. Fire Station No. 2 would use $80,000 (FY33) for siding, paint and trim, and a $100,000 placeholder was added for a family bathroom at the community center.

Once the CIPC members have had ample opportunity to digest each department's requests, the membership will reconvene to discuss and possibly review certain requests with department heads. The lengthy process will ultimately produce recommendations for the consumption of the Finance Committee and the Select Board.

The next meeting of the Marion Capital Improvements Planning Committee has been scheduled for Thursday, January 5, at 7:00 pm.

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Developer Receives Partial Surety Return

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

Coming before the Mattapoisett Planning Board on December 19 was Christos Kulipoulos of The Preserve at Bay Club, the developer of the Split Rock neighborhood within the Bay Club subdivision. Kulipoulos sought the return of a $125,000 roadway surety being held by the town.

Kulipoulos stated to the board that the roadway work is done, complete, that the contractor has been paid for the roadway and therefore the contract with the town is complete with the exception of two items.

Board member Nathan Ketchel inquired what was incomplete. Kulipoulos responded that manholes needed to be cleaned for an estimated cost of $1,000 each and that removal of erosion controls in the form of silk fences needed to take place. The board agreed that a sum of $25,000 should be held back until the unfinished work is completed. They further agreed to return $100,000 at this time.

Also coming before the board was Andrew Stackpole of Field Engineering, representing the Bay Club in an informal discussion for the construction of 12 duplex units at the site that originally was to have been for the construction of a conference center.

The new plan, which received a Variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals on December 15, calls for the construction of 12 zero-lot-line, residential townhouse homes, each with two bedrooms and a loft space. Stackpole referred to the plan as "cluster housing" with 45 feet of frontage. A formal filing will be submitted at a future date, including all necessary stormwater calculations and system designs.

Dave Andrews of Bay Club Realty also came before the board to request an extension of the completion of roadway work on White Pine Lane. He explained that an anticipated completion in 2022 became impossible due to dropping temperatures. The date was extended until June 30, 2023.

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Continued until February 6 is the Site Plan Review for a planned solar array to be located at 156 Acushnet Road. A letter from the firm Outback Engineering noted that state approvals were still pending.

In other matters, the board agreed that Ketchel would represent the board on the newly created Holy Ghost Grounds Use committee.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, February 6, at 7:00 pm.

Duplexes Planned at Bay Club

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

On December 15, the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals convened to hear two appeals and did so in nearly record time.

Coming before the board on this night was David Andrews of Bay Club Real Estate with what was filed as a Variance and ultimately accepted as a Land Use Variance application for the construction of 12 two-bedroom, duplex units.

The agenda noted, "The applicant is seeking a Variance under section 5.9.1 as provided by Section 7.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to create a new residential use in a limited industry zone to build up to 12 residences as part of the Bay Club."

The parcel planned for construction is located at the north entrance to the larger subdivision near the bike-path extension that runs to the Marion town line.

Andrews described the units as two-bedroom with a loft in a real estate category known as "fee simple." In a follow-up, Andrews said that the homeowners will own specific outdoor spaces on their side of the overall structure. An internet explanation of the term "fee simple" states, "fee simple is a legal term that means full irrevocable ownership of land, and any buildings on that land," (the same as a single-family home). It goes on to state, "it means the land is owned outright without any limitation or restrictions other than local zoning ordinances."

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center. As the years have gone by, the desire and need for such a structure has been deemed much less useful than more housing units. Board member Colby Rottler thought housing was indicated as much needed and has been a topic of the Master Plan Committee. That prompted Chairman Susan Akin to say, "But I don't think they'll be affordable." The board members were unanimous in approving the request.

The other filing was from Thaddeus and Ann Yukna, 25 Silver Shell Avenue, for the construction of a new deck with zero setbacks. The request was viewed as in keeping with previous requests from the neighborhood and was unanimously granted a Special Permit.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals was not scheduled upon adjournment.

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Long Wharf Renovations Discussed

Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board

By Marilou Newell

December 20 found members of the Mattapoisett Select Board and the Marine Advisory Board sitting down to hash out next steps in the long-anticipated repairs and improvements for Long Wharf. But the process of making critical plans to a wharf located in the heart of the historic village is still in the early stages. Design and construction methods and materials have yet to be chosen.

The problem of making decisions on a 200-year-old structure boils down to this: No one knows what lies below the water's surface, as in what is supporting the structure. Is it ledge or some other material.

Andrew Nilson of Childs Engineering, the town's consultant, said that in the absence of data, it is difficult to put a price tag on construction and that coupled with contractors' lack of interest in the job makes presenting solid figures to the town difficult at best. Cost estimates have ranged from $8,000,000 to $12,000,000 or more.

Materials have also been a source of confusion. Nilson said that plans include reuse of existing stones but that it is difficult to estimate how much new stone might have to be secured. He said plans also included the use of flowable fill to fill in cracks and concrete blocks.

Details of the work that were previously reported by Childs' study produced four options. Option one, costing $4,700,000, would consist of precast concrete with steel reinforcing modular block and would be used to encapsulate the existing wharf. Option two would include using reinforced concrete wall installed in front of the existing wharf blocks to act as a retaining wall that would support the wharf and lock all blocks in place. The third option would use a steel sheet-pile wall. Childs noted in the report, "the advantage of this option is that it is typically more cost effective; the installation is less time consuming; however, it also has the least-natural appearance." The fourth option would combine the use of concrete blocks and granite.

During their September 29 meeting, the MAB discussed the options again while the members awaited word from the Select Board as to the acceptability of a hybrid combination of construction styles that would give a more appealing outward appearance, employing concrete and granite blocks.

Harbormaster Jamie MacIntosh reminded the group that Childs had also recommended preparing for sea-level rise in the coming years by constructing the wharf in a manner that it could be heightened at a later date. This combination conceptual plan, which as yet has not been fully scripted by Childs, has an estimated $10,700,000 price tag, Chairman Carlos DeSousa stated.

After an hour of discussion, the Select Board concluded that Childs should give cost estimates for test

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borings, soil testing and angle probing to establish the current condition of the structure and the materials lying below the surface.

"There's so much we don't know," stated Select Board member Jordan Collyer. The uncertainty makes decision making difficult at best, the board agreed.

There was also considerable discussion on the topic of sea-level rise and the possible need to take that into consideration when planning the wharf-construction work. Nilson said that most waterside projects are planning for water-level rise but only for the next 30 years or about 4 feet. "If we raise the height of the wharf now, does that change its functionality?" he asked. Nilson did think renovations should include the ability to add to the height in the future.

"Until we get into it, we aren't going to know what we've got," said Select Board Chairman Tyler Macallister, who went on to say the town should begin without knowing everything and plan for many contingencies. "We have to bite the bullet."

It was agreed that Nilson will establish a testing protocol by mid-January, and then the two boards (MAB and the Select Board) will take the matter up for further exploration into what can be done and at what price.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board was not set at adjournment.

Complication in Collaborative

Marion Board of Health

By Mick Colageo

An addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding of the South Coast Public Health Collaborative did not sit well with Marion Board of Health member Dr. Ed Hoffer, who articulated his concern during the board's December 15 public meeting.

Hoffer said the collaborative was meant to be based on a temporary, nonbenefitted position.

"And here we are saying that Westport can, in fact, provide people, then all of their benefits are paid out of the grant. It really takes away money from the grant as originally proposed," he explained.

Health Director/Nurse Lori Desmarais said that she was told at a meeting the day before the Marion Board of Health met that the people getting hired for the collaborative were not receiving benefits and that the position was to be divided up among two part-time people.

Dr. John Howard, the board chair, suggested Marion send written notice of opposition to the agreement, after which Desmarais would set up a meeting to discuss the matter.

In providing the Health Agent update, Desmarais distributed information to the board members on septic testing on denitrification systems installed since Marion enacted its requirement for the technology on all septic upgrades. Desmarais told the board she will now be able

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A December 2 visit to 464 Front Street brought back news that repairs have been completed.

In her Health Director update, Desmarais told the board there have been 13 reported COVID-19 cases and 16 flu, most of the flu cases being children. The flu vaccine remains available to Marion residents at the Cushing Community Center.

Howard called the state-proposed amendments to Title 5 septic regulations "a big deal." MassDEP plans to identify nitrogen-sensitive areas in the state and intends to require septic upgrades to add denitrification technology.

Marion added its own regulation earlier this year requiring all new installations and upgrades to include denitrification technology.

Board member Albie Johnson said the state is using a "sue and settle" tactic reminiscent of the $13,000,000 he says Marion was unjustly charged in order to clean up the lagoon at the Wastewater Treatment Plant because, as he asserts, no nitrogen was found at the site.

In referencing the many who walk their dogs along Point and Converse roads without sidewalks and in minimal lighting to dress brightly, Hoffer encouraged the public to "be seen and safe."

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, at 6:00 pm.

Golf Team Recognized; Students to Travel

ORR School Committee

By Jack MC Staier

The December 14 meeting of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee meeting kicked off with a celebration, recognizing the ORR golf team that finished its 2022 fall season as MIAA Division 2 state champions.

The players were recognized in alphabetical order: Chase Almeida, Gabe DeBlois, Sawyer Fox, Logan Franco, Connor Galligan, John Higgins, Jake Iappini, Peter le Gassick, Philip le Gassick, Riley Karo, Finn Kavanaugh, Alec Marsden, Brady Mills, Zach Mourao, Markus Pierre, Jack Soutter and Braden Yeomans. Also recognized were Head Coach Chris Cabe and Assistant Coach Dr. Erich Carroll.

With other commitments, including conflicting winter sports, not all team members were able to attend the meeting, but those who did received congratulatory certificates signed by the school committee. Cabe, who was not present, was also acknowledged for his recognition as 2022-23 MIAA Golf Coach of the Year by The Boston Globe, a school-first, according to ORR Principal Mike Devoll.

After a resounding celebration of the team's skill, the committee settled into other business, including a review of the MCAS scores for the various grades and subjects. Overall, while there continues to be difficulty making up for the "learning loss" due to the ongoing

pandemic, it was reported that ORR is in "a really good place" with regards to learning percentiles and milestones as compared to statewide averages.

Director of Guidance (Grades 7-12) Lauren Millette delivered an in-depth presentation on Project 351's "Playbook Initiative."

"Project 351 is all about having the belief that young people are remarkable and that they have within them the tools and the vision and the desire to build an inclusive and united global community," Millette explained. "The Playbook Initiative itself seeks to leverage the power of sport and more specifically, the appeal of the Boston Celtics to engage middle schoolers in equity work and (promote) a sense of belonging for all."

Project 351 is, according to its website, "an independent, nonprofit organization that builds a movement of youth-led service by engaging an unsung hero from each of Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns." The Playbook Initiative continues to use sports-centered language during workshops; the students were introduced to the concept as preparing for "game situations."

"It is the collective hope of the Playbook Initiative and of the authors that by studying the playbook, either individually or in small groups, that students will be equipped with safe and effective ways to intervene when they notice inequities or behaviors that go against a sense of belonging for all students."

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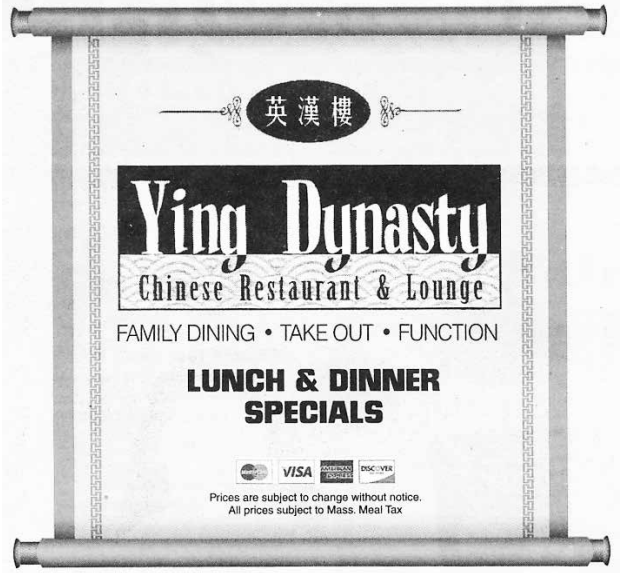
Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Shari Fedorowicz recognized Millette's work and that of two students, Jamison Gunschel and Sara Kroll, who spent a Saturday learning about the program.

The ORR School Committee took several votes during the meeting.

The committee voted to approve the California Exchange program, which will allow students from the Tri-Towns to swap places with students from another state to broaden their worldview and learn how other places and schools are run. The latest round would take place February 16-20 and March 8-13 with Rio Vista High School, just outside of San Francisco.

The committee voted to approve the upcoming



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2024 international field trip. The plan is for approximately 30 ORR students in Grades 7 and 8 to make an 11-day tour of notable European historical sites, including those in London, Amsterdam and Krakow. Stops will include the Anne Frank Museum, Auschwitz and Bletchley Park, as well as participation in local cultural traditions like pierogi making.

Three Ski Club day trips were also approved for three Saturdays, January 28, February 11 and March 4. The club, including 50 students, would be traveling with a minimum of five chaperones, will visit Cannon Mountain in Franconia, New Hampshire at a cost of $130 per skier.

ORR's Science Olympiad team was approved to make three trips for competitions. The team, comprised of five students interested in STEM, will visit Yale University on February 4 and UMass Amherst on February 18. ORR will compete in timed tests, group lab activities and engineering and building events around anatomy, forestry, cell biology, astrophysics, coding and forensics. The Massachusetts Science Olympiad state tournament will be held on March 4 at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

The committee voted to accept a donation of office supplies from Lockheed Martin, along with a donation from the Mattapoisett Land Trust that will benefit ORR's Bulldog Brew transition students and the donation by the Class of 1970 of a Japanese maple tree.

Given recent public debate over particular books on the shelves of ORR District school libraries, the committee was asked to consider drafting a letter on the topic of library resources and materials, as well as current school and district policies on what materials to include.

"Although these documents are already available publicly, it may be helpful for this committee to state its position as one voice on this topic by drafting a statement spreading current policies and procedures," read committee Chairperson Michelle Smith from the motion.

The majority votes had it, and the committee agreed to draft a letter that would then be approved by the committee before sharing publicly.

During the Open Comment section of the meeting, two community members voiced complaints about the types of books that have been screened and approved for use in the school library, despite continued assurances from administration and educators that the selections of books available to students is managed and maintained by experts in the library field.

David Pierre Jr., 39 Aucoot Road in Mattapoisett, spoke in opposition of the exposure of the book, "Gender Queer," to ORR students. Pierre said he has been a teacher for 20 years, teaches middle school now in New Bedford and has a freshman son at ORR. He said he read the book from cover to cover and called its exposure to students insulting, degrading and demeaning, "no matter what their (sexual) orientation is."

A second citizen addressed the meeting, asking how books will be reviewed and vetted for school libraries and what opportunity residents will have to participate in discussion over sexually explicit content.

Rochester School Committee member Anne Fernandes briefly spoke to bring attention to another book, the story that she considers "worthwhile" but containing verbally graphic content she described as "horrific" and inappropriate for students through age 15.

The next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, and the next meeting of the ORR School Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25. Both meetings start at 6:30 pm and are held in the ORR Junior High Media Room, also accessible live via Zoom.

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Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor;

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals Clarification. Based on some recent postings, it is clear that there is a misunderstanding of the role of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA.) The ZBA is made up of un-paid individuals appointed by the Select Board. The current members of the ZBA are all professionals including engineers and attorneys.

The ZBA is allowed to offer relief from the town's zoning bylaws in the form of Special Permits and Variances provided these reliefs do not violate state laws. The ZBA is required to make sure certain conditions are met before any relief can be considered. It is up to applicant to make the case. Hearings are public with

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all parties given an opportunity to speak in favor or against a petition. The ZBA may include stipulations in a decision to address specific concerns. In other matters, the ZBA will hold public hearings if a party disagrees with decisions made by the Zoning Enforcement Office (Building Inspector) or the Planning Board.

The ZBA does not, and can not, enforce zoning by-laws or decisions made by the ZBA. This would be a conflict of interest. The Zoning Enforcement Officer can enforce by-laws independent of complaints from individuals. Individuals that want the Zoning Enforcement Officer to look into possible zoning violations must submit a signed letter outlining what is believed to be the violation. The Zoning Enforcement Office is required to report findings in writing. Again, if any party disagrees with these findings, they can file an appeal with the ZBA and a public hearing will be held.

There are some variations in the way zoning enforcement and a ZBA may operate from town to town, but the essentials are the same. Rochester's Building Department is presently in transition with new personnel, but will work to provide guidance to those with questions.

Richard Cutler
Rochester ZBA member

To the Editor,

We wish to thank everyone who participated in the Annual Holiday Boutique at the Marion Music Hall last Saturday. Members of the Marion Garden Group had been making unique ornaments and other decorations for months, and then arrangements of fresh greens were created in a week along with embellished wreaths, swags, garlands and Grinch trees, too! Special thanks to the support of local merchants and the hundreds of shoppers who braved the cold and supported our sale. It only happens once a year. Proceeds support the mission of MGG "to assist in the enhancement of the town's parks and landscape projects, and to further expand members' knowledge of gardening through discussions and presentations by experts in the field."

Gratefully,
Suzy Taylor, President MGG

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Dear Friends, Neighbors, Boy Scouts, Veterans and the Mattapoisett Community,

I would like to thank the American Legion Post 280, Veterans Service Officer, Chris Gerrior, the Showstoppers, the police and fire departments and all the attendees and celebrations helpers. My 100th birthday event was overwhelming.

Thank you to *The Wanderer* for the nice cover photo and articles. I was amazed at all the attention and support of the Mattapoisett community.

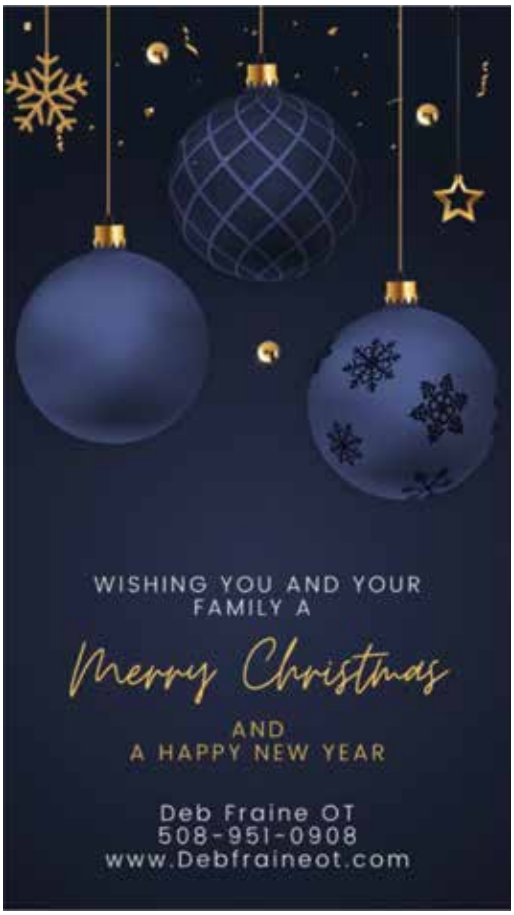
Warmest regards,
Howard C. Tinkham

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, Dec 26: No meals served
Tuesday, Dec 27: Egg salad, pasta salad, coleslaw, whole wheat roll, peaches
Wednesday, Dec 28: Buttermilk chicken, parsley mashed potato, green beans, oatmeal bread, red velvet cake, diet: low sugar Jell-O cake
Thursday, Dec 29: Roast turkey w/gravy, au gratin potato, winter squash, multigrain bread, applesauce
Friday, Dec 30: Seafood stew w/shrimp, yellow rice, chickpea salad, dinner roll, banana

Sippican Historical Society Welcomes New Executive Director

The Sippican Historical Society has named



Alanna Nelson as its next Executive Director, replacing Leslie Thayer Piper who steps down in December. Ms. Piper will continue in her role as SHS Archivist through June of 2022.

Originally from Wisconsin, Alanna Nelson worked as a National Park Ranger in college, lived for 11 years in Italy and moved to Marion in 2020. In the last decade, she has created marketing campaigns and managed events for nonprofits, small businesses and artists. She is also a fiber artist who recreated historic textiles at the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum in Boston. She calls herself a community connector, and as a member of the Marion Planning Board, loves to think about what aspects of our past should be found in the future.

Ms. Nelson has also served as VP of the Sippican Historical Society and is very pleased and excited to take over the position of Executive Director beginning in January.

Falmouth Academy Head of School List

Falmouth Academy has announced its Head of School List for academic achievement in the first trimester of the 2022-23 school year. Students named to the list have earned at least three A's and no grade below B-. Tri-Town students included are:
Hurlbut, Natalie of Marion, Class of 2028
Kalkanis, Alexia of Marion, Class of 2028
Shukla, Maya of Marion, Class of 2028
Giumetti, Benjamin of Mattapoisett, Class of 2023
Van Keuren, Zoe of Mattapoisett , Class of 2027
Van Keuren, Nolan of Mattapoisett, Class of 2028

Classes for All Ages Starting in January at the MAC

The Marion Art Center will close to the public for the season on Saturday, **December 17** at 2:00 pm. The MAC reopens on Tuesday, **January 3** in preparation for the Winter Members' Show, the first gallery show of the year. Classes for both children and adults will resume mid-January.

Two new eight-week sessions of All Levels Watercolor Painting for Adults starts on **January 12 and 13**. Instructor Jay Ryan will teach a two-hour class on Thursday mornings from 10 am-12 pm, and he will offer a three-hour, eight-week course on Friday mornings from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. The cost for the Thursday class is $195 for MAC members and $225 for nonmembers, while the Friday class costs $290 for MAC members and $325 for nonmembers. Each class has a one-day drop-in option ($30 for Thursday, $45 for Friday) for those who can't

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PUBLIC ACCESS
Comcast Channel 9
Verizon Channel 36
Thursday December 22, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM A Conversation With…
9:30 AM Arts Alive
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Auto Sense
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Tri-Town Holiday Events
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Robert Pina
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Marion COA Informational Session
4:30 PM Ron Winer - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday December 23, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With…
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
4:57 PM Sippican Historical Society Speaker Series - Dr. Michael Moore
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band
7:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Astronomy
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday December 24, 2022
Christmas All Day

Sunday December 25, 2022
Christmas All Day

Monday December 26, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Shw
10:00 AM A Conversation With…
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony
5:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Plastic Pollution
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Rochester Tree Lighting
7:00 PM Ron Winer - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels
7:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday December 27, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Arts Alive
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM The Non-Profit World
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame Ceremony
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Building the Future
5:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Plastic Pollution
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Rochester Tree Lighting
7:00 PM Ron Winer - Four Winds Concert at St. Gabriels
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday December 28, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Auto Sense
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With…
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Astronomy
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Portuguese History
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:30 AM Marion Planning Board
9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
10:30 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
11:30 AM Marion Finance Committee
12:30 PM Marion Board of Health
1:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
2:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Committee
3:00 PM Marion School Committee
4:00 PM ORR School Committee
6:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
7:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:30 PM Marion Planning Board
9:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
10:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
11:30 PM Marion Finance Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
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Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeal
11:30 AM Rochester School Committee
1:00 PM Joint School Committee
2:00 PM ORR School Committee
4:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
5:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
5:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
7:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
8:30 PM Rochester School Committee
10:00 PM ORR School Committee

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM RMS K-Info Session
8:30 AM RMS Holiday Concert
9:30 AM Tri-Town Against Racism Community Conversation
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dennis-Yarmouth
1:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs ARHS
3:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Wareham
4:00 PM ORR Athletic Hall of Fame
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR GIrls Basketball vs Dartmouth
8:00 PM Mr Cougar 2022
10:00 PM ORR Theater Class - Scooby Doo
11:00 PM ORR GIrls Basketball vs Dartmouth

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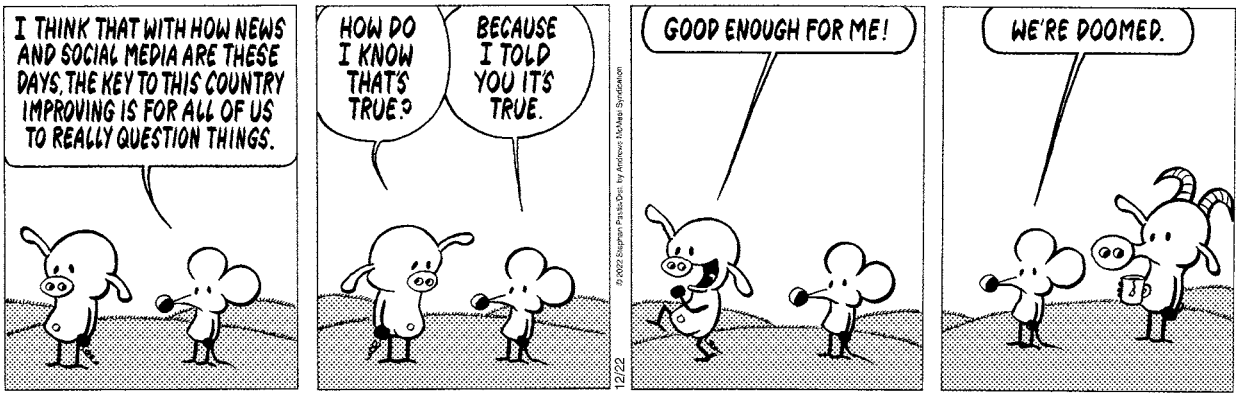

commit to the entire session or would like to get in some extra studio time with the instructor. Learn more and register online at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Instructor Lisa Elliott will teach a new session of Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-3:30 in the MAC Studio, **January 15 to February 12**. Have you ever wanted to try weaving but not sure where to begin? In five short weeks, you can learn a new fiber skill and take home your very first woven project. Students will weave one of the following: a scarf, table runner, set of placemats or set of tea towels. Looms and weaving equipment are provided, but students will provide their own yarns. The cost is $150 for MAC members and $160 for nonmembers, and the class is limited to six students. Register at marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

Registration is open for the winter and spring sessions of MAC Dance Academy. Instructor Erin Murphy hosts classes for preschool, beginner and intermediate, each meeting for half an hour on Monday afternoons at the Marion Art Center. MAC Dance Academy is a low-key, low-cost dance program geared toward girls and boys ages 3-12. The five-class winter session begins on Monday, **January 23** and costs $95 for MAC members and $105 for nonmembers. The 10-class spring session begins on **March 13** and costs $175 for MAC members and $195 for nonmembers. To learn more, see the full schedule for both sessions, and to register, visit marionartcenter.org/

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OBITUARIES

Frances P. Florindo, 90, of West Wareham, died Thursday, December 15, 2022 at Tremont Rehabilitation Center in Wareham. She was the wife of the late Edmund P. Florindo, Sr. Born in Rochester, she was the daughter of the late Ellen L. (Corse) and Walter Allen Pierce.

Mrs. Florindo was instrumental in the opening of Ocean Spray Cranberry House Restaurant chain on Cape Cod. She then worked for Melody Flower Shop in Wareham before working as marina manager for Sandwich Marina. After her retirement, she worked at Edaville Railroad in Carver up until her 89th birthday last winter.

She was a member of the former Benjamin D. Cushing Post # 2425 Ladies Auxiliary and the Mayflower Society. Mrs. Florindo enjoyed travelling and genealogy.

Survivors include her children, Sandra E. Vary, Edmund P. Florindo, Jr., Debra M. Rusinoski and Allen W. Florindo all of W. Wareham, and Gary F. Florindo of Rochester; her sisters, Gail Purdy of W. Wareham and Bonnie Hartley of Rochester; 18 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son, the late Walter J. Florindo; her siblings, the late June Gainey, Joyce McWilliams, Laurianne Lowe, Walter Pierce, John Smith, Francis Smith and Lucille Walker; and her grandson, the late Chad Rusinoski.

Her funeral service will be held on Thurs., Dec. 22, 2022 at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy. (Rt. 28), Wareham at 10 am. Visiting hours will be Wed. from 4 – 8 pm at the funeral home. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Rochester.

For directions or to leave a message of condolence visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com

John Anthony Tarvis, of the Litchfield Country Club, passed away on December 15, 2022 at the age of 82.

John was born January 17, 1940 in Mattapoisett, MA, the son of Sylvester L. Tarvis and Angelina DeCosta Tarvis and brother of Thelma M. Zychowicz and June A. Connors, both deceased.

In school, John studied Architecture and Building Design. In 1961 he started J.T. Building Company. He developed several properties and built many homes, along with remodeling and renovating residential and commercial properties.

John's many activities included swimming, diving, sailing, horseback riding, football, golfing, walking and biking and socializing with his many friends and relatives.

John leaves behind his wife, Linda; son, Peter and his wife Susi and their two daughters; daughter, Wendy and her husband Rob and their two daughters and one son; step-daughter, Sandra and her three sons and four grandchildren; and step-son, Thomas and his one son.

A memorial mass will be celebrated 1:00 pm Thursday, January 5, 2023 at Precious Blood of Christ, 1633 Waverly Road, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to the American Heart Association at https://www.heart.org/

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Ann M. (Perkins) Briggs, 92, of Mattapoisett died December 16, 2022 peacefully in her daughter's home.

She was the loving wife of the late Peter P Briggs.

Born in New Bedford, devoted daughter of the late Edwin L Perkins and Clara L (Tinkham), Ann lived most of her life in Mattapoisett.

Ann's life was spent teaching children, tending the earth and community, and being with family.

After graduating from Fairhaven High School, where she met her husband, she went on to study at Lesley Normal School in Cambridge. She then spent her early married and motherhood years as a nursery school teacher as they moved around the northeast.

Anna and Peter brought their family back to live in Mattapoisett where Ann continued teaching at the Loft School and Friends Academy. She also found time to volunteer at St Luke's and in the New Bedford School System.

Some of Ann's treasured volunteer time was being a docent at the Arnold Arboretum combining her love of children and nature; reading to the at Children's Story hour, children and books and being a member on the Mattapoisett Tree Committee, trees and community.

Ann also began writing poetry at the end of her life. A book of her poetry can be found in the Mattapoisett Library.

Ann planted a garden at every home she lived in, slept in 50 states, swam in Mattapoisett harbor every summer of her life and touched thousands of lives.

Survivors include a son, Daniel Briggs and his wife Lori of Mattapoisett, 2 daughters, Melinda Eaton and her husband Kevin Eaton and Heather Hobler, both of Mattapoisett; 5 grandchildren, Christopher Smith, Collin Smith, Graham Smith, Doscher Hobler and Brandis Eaton; 2 great-grandchildren, Mia and Nadine; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Peter Perkins and Ruth Heath.

A Memorial Service will be held in May. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library and the Town of Mattapoisett Tree Committee to have trees planted. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Of all the symbols of the Christmas season, I find the Christmas tree the most evocative. From the smell of evergreen boughs and the decorating of the tree to

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Movie Review

On the Road Again

By Rob Gonsalves
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***The Banshees of Inisherin.* Starring Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson. Directed by Martin McDonagh. Running time: 114 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters and on HBO Max.**

The writer-director Martin McDonagh is now four for four in my book with *The Banshees of Inisherin,* a melancholy Irish piece about loneliness, grievances, and other depressing things. Take the kids and make it a Christmas outing! But the movie is not nearly as hopelessly grim as it may sound. There are the lovely landscapes (Inishmore and Achill Island stand in for the fictional Inisherin, an isle off the coast of Ireland), the rich-flavored music by Carter Burwell, and the strong performances by Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, Kerry Condon, and others in the small cast. The narrative may be a downer, but the work offers pleasure.

The conflict seems simple. Every day at 2pm, Pádraic (Farrell) meets Colm (Gleeson) at the latter's house, and they head off to the pub. Except that Colm has decided he's not up for that anymore. "I just don't like you no more," he informs Pádraic, without any particular malice. What he doesn't like no more, we come to gather, has more to do with what Pádraic represents — sitting around with pints, gabbing about nothing, killing the decreasing hours Colm has left. Colm plays the fiddle, composes songs for it, and would like to leave some sort of legacy to mark his having been here other than being an amiable sounding board for an increasingly drunk Pádraic. Colm raises the stakes: if Pádraic doesn't leave Colm alone, Colm will take his sheep shears to his own fingers, one by one.

Some will read resonances with the Troubles in these two men's troubles — the film unfolds in 1923, and the cannonfire and rifle cracks of Ireland's Civil War carry across the water to Inisherin — but at one point I saw the struggle here as commentary on how artists often feel the need to stand apart, hunker down in solitude and write their songs (or their screenplays), to the chagrin of their social mates — without whom the artist would have less human material as inspiration. Honestly, though, there are too many elements floating around in the narrative to allow us to lock it down to one meaning. For example, Pádraic's sister Siobhán (Condon) is a sane female presence in this largely male ensemble, calling out foolishness whenever necessary, but Condon scrapes the barnacles of cliché from the character. In general, the actors here burst the barriers of possible stereotype; Farrell and Gleeson invest the blinkered men with layers of feeling, so that we never doubt their actions however wild they get.

Pádraic just can't leave Colm alone, like a sore tooth he can't stop tonguing. He wants to return again and again to the source of his rejection. Maybe he doesn't take Colm's threats seriously enough to respect his wishes. (If the men were in present-day America, all Pádraic would have to do is call 988 on Colm and the movie would be over in five minutes.) Colm just wants to be left alone, although the priest he visits for confession asks after Colm's "despair" a couple of times. We start to feel that, despite its pictorial beauty, the place itself has as much to do with this intractable duel of wills as anything else. People are isolated, cut off from where the action (and work) is. They see the same people every day, do and say the same things every day, thirsty for any scrap of scandalous news to introduce some static into the low hum of Inisherin's energy.

The Banshees of Inisherin is not a neat work, not an easy thing to resolve one's feelings about (and will not, as I said, reward efforts to wrestle it to the deck and pin an interpretation on it). It's sad, it's sardonic, it's insightful on the subject of toxic masculinity and how it causes and is caused by the soul-death of depression. The women either keep an eye out for the next departing boat or stay and morph into mordant crones. Men like Pádraic and Colm needed to leave a long time ago, but they settled into their surroundings and their usual hang-outs, and they're spiritually as well as geographically stuck. We don't know how their story ends, because neither do they.

the wrapped presents underneath it, they all remind me of Christmases past. When we lived in Weymouth, the whole family would go to whatever tree lot my father had chosen. Over the years, the trees all looked pretty much alike, either a fir or a balsam and always so tall that the top had to be trimmed as well as the base in order to fit it into the living room.

My father was both a cautious and frugal man, so the tree lights could not be kept on if no one was in the room, even if you left for just a few minutes. This continued for years even after the small lights that stayed cool came out. That was his cautious side. His frugal side meant we reused tinsel (back when it was a relative to aluminum foil.) Peeling it off the ball it had been molded into the previous January was the least pleasant part of decorating.

Every family has its traditions around when to put up the tree. After my younger sister was born on Dec.22, our tree didn't go up until the 23, so she wouldn't

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TriTown Happenings

Faith Ball shared this photo of the beautiful, Mattapoisett gazebo at sunset.

Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett was host to the annual Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long event on December 17, after which attendees enjoyed refreshments next door at the Sewing Circle building. Photos by Robert Price

Pictured from left, Rochester Grange member Herb LaFleur and Rochester Historical Commission members Sue LaFleur, George Owen and Tim Bates in front of the new plaque commemorating the 1925 Grange building at 182 Hartley Road. The commission donates and posts plaques to showcase the town's architectural history. On December 17, Commission Chairperson Connie Eshbach and the members donated and mounted a plaque at the Grange, which joins the Rochester Women's Club, East Rochester Congregational Church and Town Hall as recipients of a plaque. The program is open to any Rochester owner of an older private home. The information on the criteria and ordering procedures are posted at townofrochestermass.com under Historical Commission. The plaques are locally made by Charlie Wade at Impact Expressions. Photos by Mick Colageo

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confuse her birthday and Christmas. When my husband was growing up, his father brought the tree home on Christmas Eve. They never knew until they were older that the reason for waiting until the 24th was that the trees were cheaper then.

When we moved to Amherst, we bought our trees from the Boy Scouts. One year, my mother thought she would like a Scotch pine. Looking at it in the stand made her realize she didn't like it. Fortunately, we lived next to the Boy Scout leader, and my brother and I were able to return it. I think the fullness of the Scotch pine was too much for someone who had grown up with white pine Christmas trees.

As with most of our holidays, we would end our day in Rochester. My grandfather always cut down a white pine from the edge of the gravel pit next to the house. I loved those trees. They always had a feathery, enchanted quality. As my grandparents grew older, the trees became smaller tabletop size, but they always seemed magical.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Senior Circuit Breaker Alert for Rochester

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

TriTown Happenings

The 1st Congregational Church of Marion staged a group of youngsters to perform their annual Christmas Nativity. The children enjoyed a much-deserved celebration with Christmas food and cookies, and excitement filled the air with the singing of carols and the making of a beautiful nativity scene that they take home to set under their Christmas trees. A sincere thank you to all the parents and grandparents for their dedicated support. Photo courtesy of Raquel G. Macfarlane

On December 18, the Upper Cape Tech hockey team, along with coaches Tim Arruda and Joe McGuire, volunteered to help those in need at Damien's Food Pantry in Wareham. The boys bagged and delivered groceries to members of the community for the holiday season. It is not a win on the ice, but it is a win for the community. Photos courtesy of UCT

Salty the Seahorse is in the holiday spirit, while Rudolph seems to have lost an antler at Town Hall and one village home's gathering of Christmas characters overlooks Mattapoisett harbor. Photos by Mick Colageo

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Christmas Day Swim to Benefit Helping Hands and Hooves

Please join us for a fun family tradition that helps those in need. Helping Hands and Hooves will host the 19th annual **Christmas Day Swim** at 11:00 am at Mattapoisett Town Beach.

Each swimmer is asked to give a donation of $15 (payable on the day of the swim.) The first 75 swimmers will receive a festive long-sleeved T-shirt. 100% of the proceeds will benefit Helping Hands and Hooves - a 501c(3) non-profit based in Mattapoisett that is dedicated to providing therapeutic horseback riding lessons for adults with disabilities.

If you would like to learn more about Helping Hands and Hooves, please go to our website: helpinghandsandhooves.org. If you have any questions, please call Debbi Dyson at (508) 758-4717 or email info@helpinghandsandhooves.org.

2022-2023 Blue Book

The 2022-2023 Blue Book has been mailed. We would like to thank all of this edition's advertisers. If you did not receive one, they are available at three locations: Eastern Bank, 340 Front St., Marion; The Wanderer, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett and Plumb Memorial Library, 17 Constitution Way, Rochester. If you have received a copy but would like another, please consider a donation to the League of Women Voters, South Coast.

More information available at: lwvmmr.org/phonebook/.

FCCR Christmas Worship Gatherings

First Congregational Church of Rochester, 11 Constitution Way in Rochester, 508-763-4314, is pleased to announce its Christmas worship schedule. We invite you to worship with us! All gatherings will be live streamed on our website, www.rochestercongregational.com.

December 24 at 7:00 pm – During this candlelight Christmas Eve worship gathering, we will light the Christ Candle as our waiting comes to an end and we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

December 25 at 10:00 am – On Christmas Day, we will learn how Jesus illuminates our life with glorious light, allowing us to discover dependable truth in the midst of a confusing world.

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23 "Hello, Dolly!" star
25 Capital of the country Georgia
26 Doe's dear?
27 Alley- —
28 Sousing sort
29 TV's Cheers, for one
30 Top pilot
31 Ice sheets
33 1960s-'70s talk show host
37 She played Bree on "Desperate Housewives"
42 Al Bundy portrayer Ed
43 Nebraska city
44 Jekyll's bad side
45 She played the mother on "Lassie"
49 Football's Joe
51 Country next to Georgia
53 — a soul
54 "Like — not!"
55 Suffix of beliefs
58 Ending for serpent
59 Microscope component
62 Her first Vogue cover was in 1986
66 Green and Gore
67 — matter of fact
68 Japanese dog
69 Video game pioneer
72 — glance
75 Music genre for brooders
76 Co-author of the 2006 bestseller "Three Cups of Tea"
81 Like low-fat mozzarella
86 Eggs, in labs
87 Pro's vote
88 Dot in the sea, to Jorge
89 Actor Baldwin
90 Tunneling rodents
93 What to do after hiding, in a kids' game
95 "M" star
98 Big snakes
101 — Gras
102 Perfectly
103 "Blue Velvet" singer
105 "The Color Purple" novelist
109 In — (irritated)
110 Habited sister
111 Slip- — (some shoes)
112 Links peg
114 Boatload
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119 Affluent Rio neighborhood
122 Sitcom associated with nine featured first names in this puzzle
125 Hand-held filming equipment
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7 Curtain
8 Actor Holm
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11 Teeth: Prefix
12 Work unit
13 Process by which an electron is emitted
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16 Baseball's Ott
17 Popular font type
18 Puccini opera
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24 Liquor, slangily
29 Elton John's "— and the Jets"
31 Italian car
32 Soft drink
34 Zen master's question
35 Suffix with form
36 Tony-winning actress Johns
37 Tennis' Seles
38 Very valuable violins
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40 Beet variety
41 Letter stroke
45 Scoff
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57 Tumbler's surface
60 Wildlife-tracking ID
61 Balletic bend
63 Thanksgiving side servings
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71 Add up to
72 State as fact
73 City in Ohio
74 Luke and Leia's father
75 "And on and on": Abbr.
77 Architect Ludwig Mies van der —
78 Eden dweller
79 Actress Greta
80 Jewish month after Adar
81 Baby food
82 Malted quaff
83 No longer in the mil., e.g.
84 1973 Jim Croce hit
85 Gourmet mushrooms
91 Class for tots, for short
92 Buckwheat noodle of Japan
94 Fail to put in
96 Caviar source
97 The Doors song with a Calif. city in its title
99 Refrain from imbibing
100 "Holy" council
103 Gives rise to
104 Shiny plastics
105 Jungian inner personality
106 Fictional sleuth Arsène
107 Pointless
108 Prefix meaning "people"
113 Spanish river
115 Bits of wit
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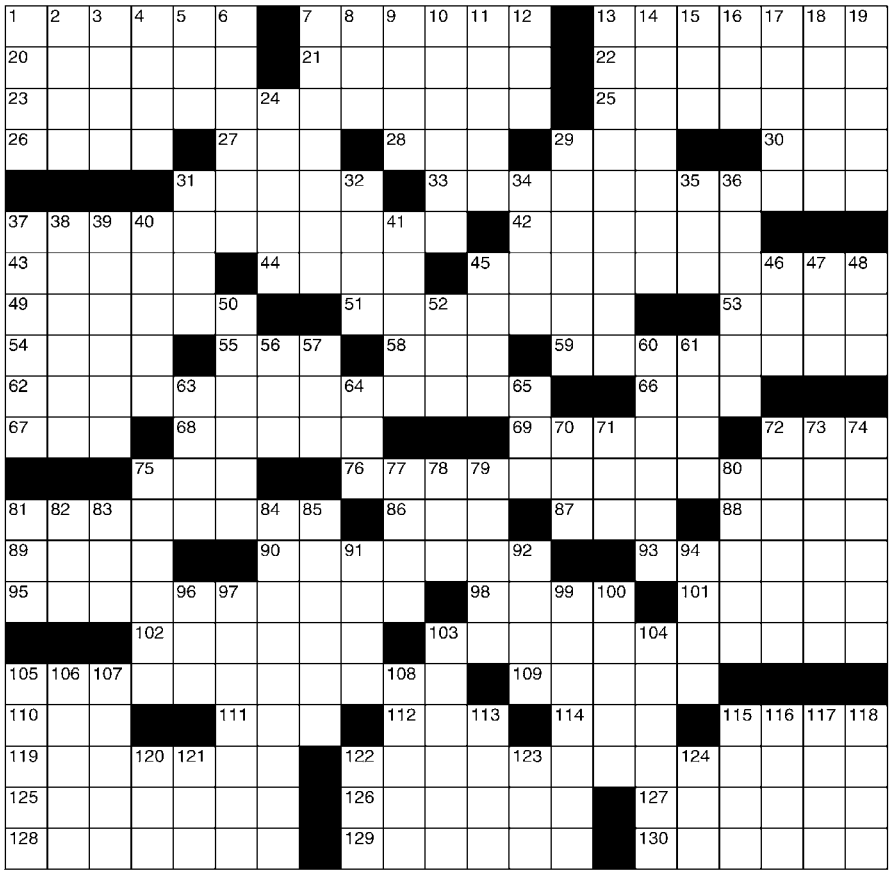

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your work on a recent job assignment is impressive and sure to be noticed. Meanwhile, expect to receive news about an upcoming holiday event you won't want to miss.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Saving the world one person at a time is what you were born to do. So accept it when people ask you for help, especially during the holiday season.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Now that you've resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with strong and well-reasoned arguments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture everyone, from the family cat to great-grandma. But don't overdo it, especially with teens, who like to feel grown up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends this holiday season. But don't fall into a prolonged catnap yet. There's still much to do before you can fully put up your paws and relax.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid pushing others to work as hard as you do on a common project. Instead, encourage them to do their best, and they might well reward you with a pleasant surprise.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Like the sensible Libra you are, you no doubt already started your holiday shopping. But be careful to keep within your budget. Shop around for the best buys.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Love and friendship remain strong in your aspect over the next several days. This is a good time to develop new relationships and strengthen old ones.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family and friends are in for a surprise when you accept the need to make a change without being talked into it. (Bet it surprised you, too, didn't it?)

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Restoring an old friendship might not be as easy as you had hoped. You might want to explore the reasons for your former buddy's reluctance to cooperate.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your party-going activities pick up as the holiday season takes off. Enjoy your plunge into the social swim as you make new friends and renew old friendships.

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The discussion program is cosponsored by the Mattapoisett Woman's Club and the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street, where the sessions are held downstairs in the Community Room, which is accessible at the side entrance, using the first floor elevator. Jennifer Jones, Director of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, also offers the Zoom platform and she, along with her staff members, are always available to assist participants in researching additional materials.

Each year during the program's meetings, participants find that the topics are meaningful, current and offer ways to research, express opinions and seek out experts on each issue. Guests are often invited to share their specialty in the area of the topic, and during the discussions, participants often wish that there was even more time to investigate and discover further ideas and decision options.

For the 2023 session, the topics are: Energy Geopolitics, War Crimes China and the U.S. Economic Warfare, Politics in Latin America, Global Famine, Iran at a Crossroads and Climate Migration.

To register, please send a check in the amount of $35.00 to the Mattapoisett Woman's Club, P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Please write Great Decisions in the memo. Also, on a separate sheet of paper, please enclose in print, your name, address, phone number, cell number and your email address. We have books for thirty people, and we accept registrations on a first come/first served basis.

For further information, please contact Ellen Flynn, Past MWC President & Chair of Great Decisions.

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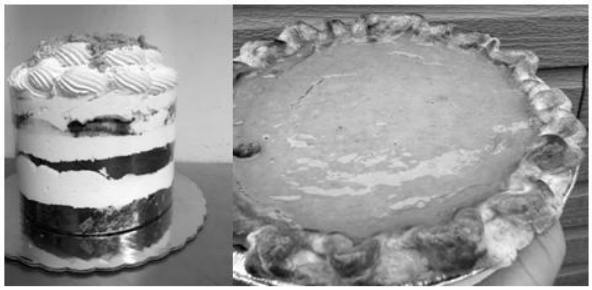

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TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL
LEGAL NOTICE CASE #809

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 12, 2023 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Don Easterday, for a Variance from 230-5.1 of the zoning by-law to allow for the construction of a 28' x 24' detached garage.

The property, located at 52 Cove Circle, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 2 as Lot 94.

Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 12/22, 12/29

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1187

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Chris Barton for property located at 3 Bennet Road, identified on Assessor's Map 44A, Lot 18, whom is seeking a Variance for the construction of an addition to an existing garage to be located closer than the 40-foot setback requirement to the side property line under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1. of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

The public hearings will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 beginning at 7:15 pm as both a hybrid meeting at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA and on Zoom.

Copies of the application are on file in the Building Department, 37 Marion Road, and can be viewed during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

To join the Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81556089198

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David Arancio, Chairman 12/22, 12/29

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Kara Gallo, 8 Pine Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to add a farmer's porch entrance to the side of the house facing Evergreen St. The porch will run the length of the house 20.4 ft. with an 8 ft. depth. 4 Sonotubes will need to be placed. The project is located at 8 Pine Street, and is further identified as Lot 93 on Assessor Map 6.0

**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 12/22

Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights Dec 11-Dec 17

- Point Rd – Suspicious activity
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Grace Ln – EMS/medical
- Pleasant St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- East Ave – General service
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- East Ave – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Route 195 East – MV collision
- Spring St – MV collision
- Cottage St – Suspicious activity
- Park St – Parking enforcement
- Mill St – General service
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Spring St – General service
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Joanne Dr – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- West Ave – Officer wanted
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Blueberry Way – Health/welfare
- 195 West – MV collision
- Deer Run – 911 abandoned
- Front St – Road hazard
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Dec 11-Dec 17

- Acushnet Rd – MV crash
- North St – MV violations
- County Rd – Property found
- Reservation Rd – MV violations
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Hunters Ln – Assist citizen
- Wolf Island Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – Transport prisoner
- Captain's Ln - Notification
- Water St – 911 call
- Main St – MV crash
- Harbor HB Rd – 911 call
- Chapel Rd – 911 call
- Waterman St – General service
- Driscoll Ln – General service
- Pearl St – General service
- Hillers Cove Ln – General service
- Laura Ln – General service
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – Disabled MV
- Fairhaven Rd – Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious MV
- North St – MV violations
- Pearl St – Animal control
- North St – Suspicious MV
- Acushnet Rd – MV violations
- Barstow St – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – MV violations

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Log highlights Dec 11-Dec 17

- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Wolf Island Rd – MV collision
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Boxberry Ln – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – Assist other agency
- Featherbed Ln - Medical
- County Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Marys Pond Rd - Larceny
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- High St – Well being check
- Marys Pond Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Braley Hill Rd – Medical alarm
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Kings Hwy – 911 call
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – General service
- High St – Noise complaint
- North Ave – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – Erratic MV
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd - Medical
- High St – Well being check
- High St – Follow up
- Mattapoisett Rd – MV collision
- Rounseville Rd – MV collision

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

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The mandatory orientation at Old Colony for accepted applicants will be **January 10**, **2023**, at 4:30. This is a free opportunity, but space is limited to 10 individuals per class, so you must apply ahead. This OCTI program will begin **January 17** through **April 5**, Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 9:30 pm at Old Colony for a 10-week training, followed by an externship at outside placements. The onsite training will end on **April 5**.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Cynthia Marland at cmarland@oldcolony.info or call 508.763.8011 ext. 220.

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The funds will pay for gas, electric, propane, wood or other heating needs to help reduce the financial burden for many elders who have difficulty with these purchases.

Funding for this project was made possible by the George E. Curtis Charitable Trust.

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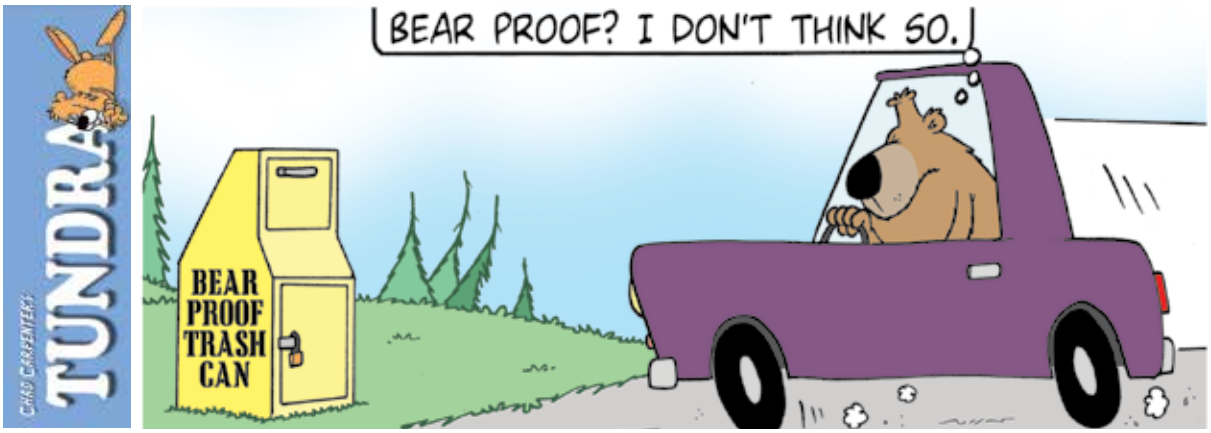
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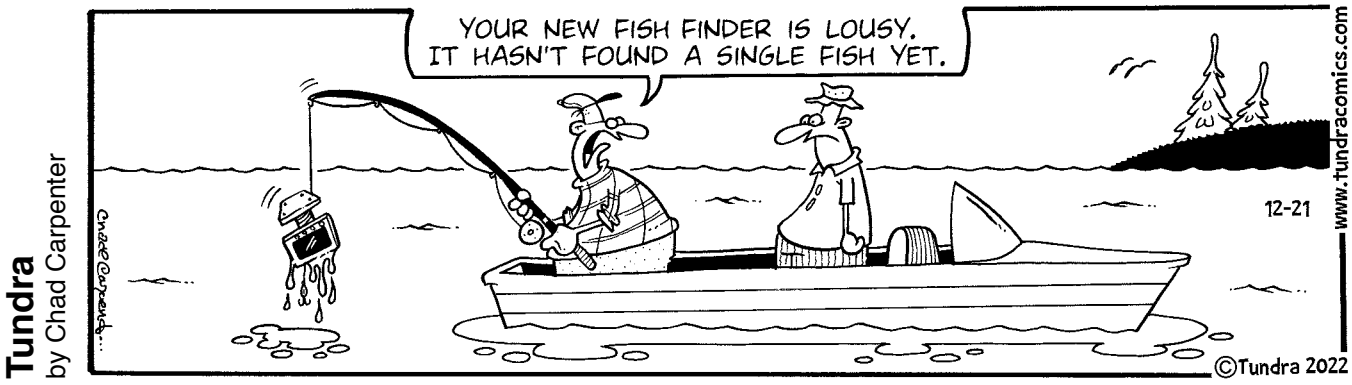
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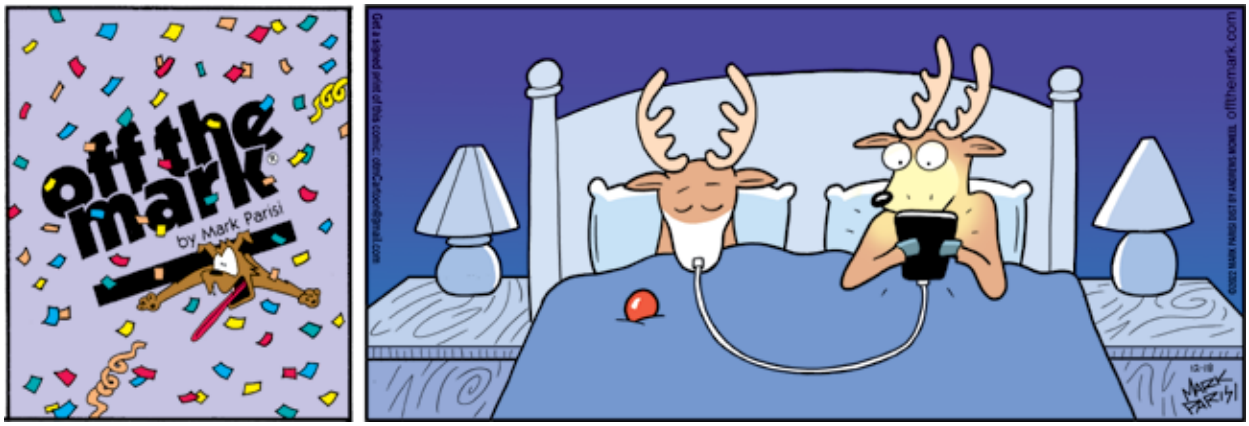
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Tri-Town Against Racism

Tri-Town against Racism (TTAR) announces they have developed a system to document discriminatory incidents experienced by community members in the Tri-Town. Collecting this information will help to identify how to best support the Tri-Town Region. The incident report can be completed online, either on a computer or mobile device, anonymously if preferred. Community members can also choose to identify themselves to TTAR in the report. Their personal identifying information will never be shared outside of TTAR. The incident report allows for individuals or families to share their stories to inform local change. Completing the form and sharing your experiences with TTAR will help to make a positive

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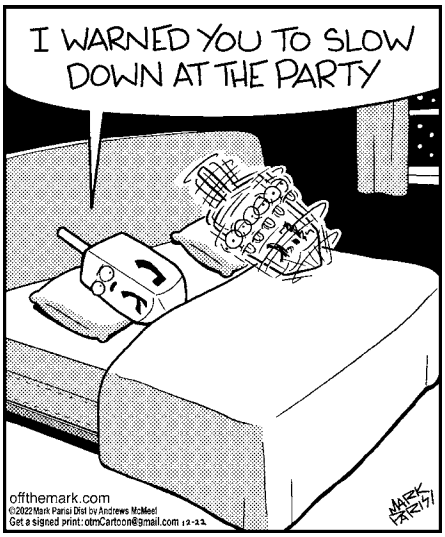

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In scouting, youth are divided into a Pack (kindergarten to grade 5) that meets on Saturdays and aTroops (Grades 6 to age 18) that meets on Tuesday evenings. Both groups meet at our amazing camp in Marion on Mary's Pond known as Camp Hadley where scouts have full access to the pond and waterfront adventures as well as all nature has to offer.

This year Troop 32 has added an all-female unit, and we are hoping to see our first female Eagle Scouts in town within the next few years.

Scouting builds character and instills lifelong values while having amazing adventures and a healthy dose of fun. Come learn all about scouting and Gaga ball Saturday, **September 24** where both the Pack and Troop will be providing some snacks and information. If you would like more information, please contact us at marioncubscouts@gmail.com or beascout.scouting.org. We cannot wait to meet you and play some Gaga ball.

Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a fellowship that welcomes people seeking recovery from overeating, anorexia, bulimia and compulsive food behaviors. Weekly Saturday OA meetings take place in St. Gabriel's Parish Hall (Marion) at 8:00 am (Twelve Step meeting) and 9:00 am (OA Literature meeting.) For more information, visit www.scmioa.org.

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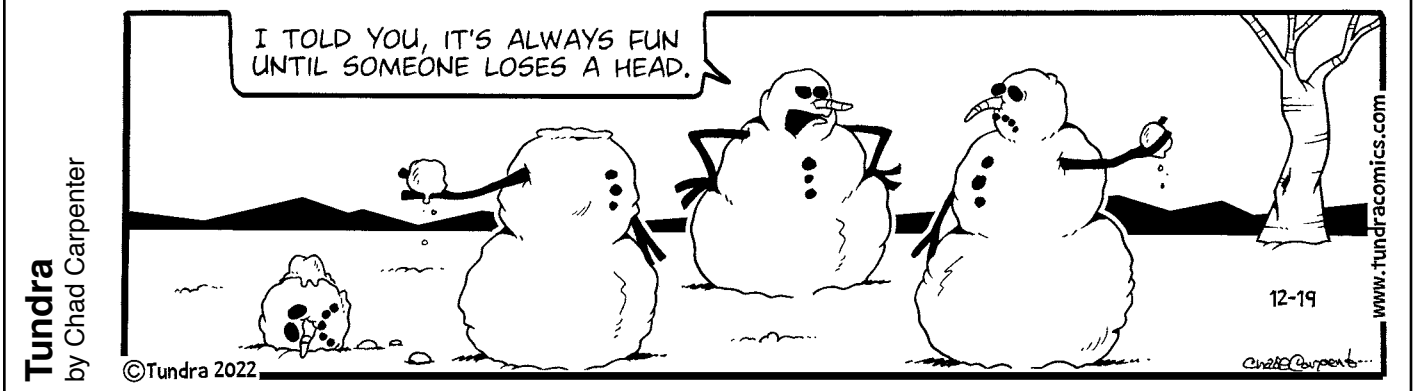

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Victoria Wade	December 22
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Jenn Janicki	December 24
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Holly A. Lestage	December 25
John Somers	December 25
Michael Robinson	December 25
Brendan Goss	December 26
Bridget Murphy	December 26
Dana Dexter	December 26
Eliza Van Voorhis	December 26
Sean Maloney	December 26
Tom Hagan	December 26
Tyler Mourao	December 26
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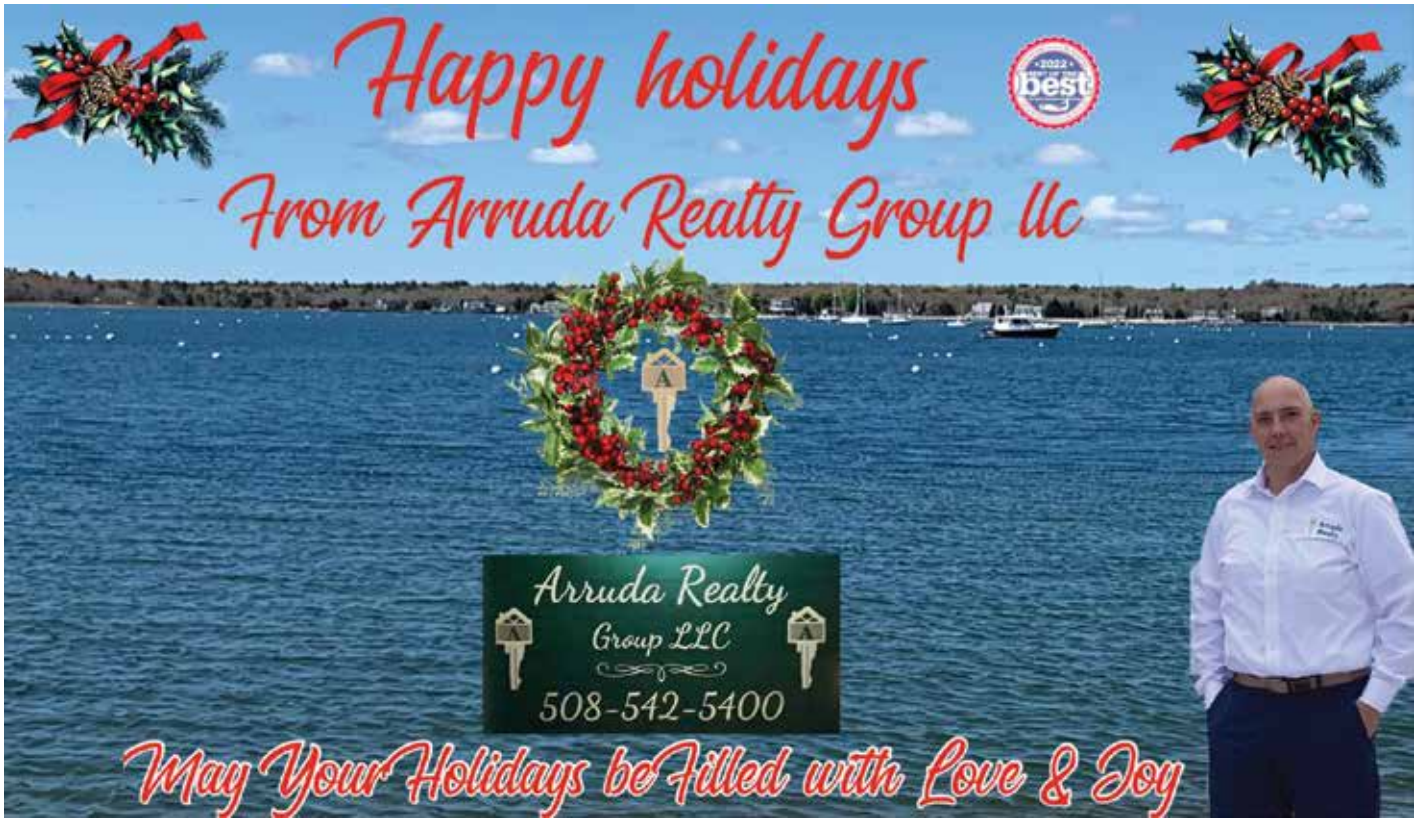
Mattapoisett Republican Party

The Republican Party as an organization has returned to Mattapoisett. Everyone interested in participating in the GOP should contact Paul Criscuolo, Chair Mattapoisett GOP, Email: chairmattyREP@gmail.com; Mail: 82 County Road PMB #17, Mattapoisett, MA



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Mattapoisett Woman's Club 2023 Garden Tour

Have you ever stood at the window facing your backyard and said, "The garden is really turning out beautifully this summer. I sure do wish I could find a way to share it with people." Well, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club may have a way for you to make that wish come true.

Next summer, on **June 24, 2023**, the Club will be staging its biannual Garden Tour, and your garden could be one of the showcase gardens. We are planning a Tour that features beautiful gardens of flowers, organic sustainable crops and all types of living vegetation that are not only possible but also doable for everyone with an interest in learning (more) about gardening.

If you would like your garden to be part of the 2023 Tour, have questions about the Tour or can suggest even more homeowners to contact who might also be interested in being part of the Tour, please get in touch with Kathy McAuliffe @ kathymcauliffe7@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you.

Rochester Board of Health

The Town of Rochester and the Board of Health offer no-cost weekly Keep Well Health Clinics facilitated by Rochester's Public Health Nurse, Connie Dolan, RN. Services include answers to your health questions, blood pressure checks and monitoring, lung sound assessment, blood oxygenation assessment, medication review, information about health topics important to you and other basic clinical services. The Keep Well Health Clinics are held weekly at the Rochester Senior Center from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

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Mission: The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

Real Estate Transactions

See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com

Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Paul E Leary Sr RT Louise A Leary RT Leary, Paul E Sr TR Leary, Louise A TR	Lange, Clifford A Lange, Cynthia T	4 Split Rock Ln Golf A12-1	Mattapoisett	11/30/2022	1,225,000.00
Martin, Connie	Morrison, Karen A	617 Marys Pond Rd	Rochester	11/30/2022	475,000.00
Wilcox, Gordon W	Anderson, Brian G Anderson, Abigail G	2 Arrowhead Ln	Marion	12/01/2022	1,300,000.00
Anderson, Brian G Anderson, Abigail G	Zell, Todd M Zell, Erin E	2 Teel St	Marion	12/01/2022	1,110,000.00
Mabee, Justin P Debeaumont-mabee, Amelie	Farland Estates III LLC	12 Nantucket Dr	Mattapoisett	12/02/2022	775,000.00
Straus, Alexandra W Straus, Andrew J	Eilertsen, Derek Eilertsen, Jenna	1 Shagbark Cir	Mattapoisett	12/05/2022	1,425,000.00
Compass Rose Manor LLC	Rehbein, Craig Rehbein, Edith B Est	602 Front St	Marion	12/06/2022	395,500.00
Alves, Nelson M Alves, Kathy Lee	Andrews, Christian A Andrews, Cynthia R	101-103 Wareham Rd	Marion	12/06/2022	400,000.00

off the mark by Mark Parisi

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	December 22	6:34	6:59		12:47
Friday	December 23	7:25	7:51	12:28	1:40
Saturday	December 24	8:17	8:43	1:21	2:33
Sunday	December 25	9:10	9:37	2:16	3:23
Monday	December 26	10:04	10:33	3:11	4:12
Tuesday	December 27	11	11:31	4:05	5:01
Wednesday	December 28	11:57		5:05	5:57
Thursday	December 29	12:29	12:53	6:27	7:03
Friday	December 30	1:27	1:50	8:24	8:07
Saturday	December 31	2:26	2:48	8:49	7:10
Sunday	January 1	3:24	3:46	10:32	9:33
Monday	January 2	4:26	4:47	11:19	10:14
Tuesday	January 3	5:21	5:40	11:57	10:55
Wednesday	January 4	6:09	6:26		12:06
Thursday	January 5	6:53	7:09	12:01	1:04
Friday	January 6	7:32	7:49	12:19	1:39
Saturday	January 7	8:10	8:28	1:03	2:15
Sunday	January 8	8:45	9:05	1:48	2:50

Phases of the Moon		
	New Moon	December 23rd
	First Quarter	December 29th
	Full Moon	January 6th
	Last Quarter	January 14th

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark***

In the December 15, 2022 edition the Aardvark was on page 9

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Legend 2. Spear
3. Idea; 4. Insert

Today's Word

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Sudoku Answer

4	6	3	2	5	7	1	8	9
9	7	5	8	1	3	6	4	2
2	1	8	9	4	6	5	3	7
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5	8	4	1	9	2	3	7	6
8	3	9	6	7	5	2	1	4
7	4	1	3	2	9	8	6	5
6	5	2	4	8	1	7	9	3

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